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Region's First Green Map Is Now Available on the Internet:

Interactive Community Tool is available at
www.greatercolumbusgreenmap.org

(COLUMBUS, January 20, 2006) - The Greenways Program of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and its community partners announce the availability of the region's first-ever Green Map on the Internet at www.greatercolumbusgreenmap.org. The Greater Columbus Green Map project is coordinated by MORPC's Greenways Program with local funding support from the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) and the cities of Columbus, Dublin, Grove City, Hilliard, Reynoldsburg, Upper Arlington and Westerville, and the Village of New Albany.

There are over 1,500 "green" sites on the Greater Columbus Green Map, including a wealth of information about these places, such as the address, contact information and hours of operation. The most detailed information is within the Parkland & Recreation Sites layer -each of the parks contain features present within the park such as basketball courts, walking trails, tennis courts, frisbee golf etc. This tool was developed to strengthen the community's awareness of and connection to our local urban ecology, to enable sustainable life-style choices and to easily locate community services.

From Tororo, Uganda; Kyoto and Tokyo, Japan; and Copenhagen, Denmark to nearly 100 U.S. cities including Seattle, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Chicago and Detroit, the Green Map System has inspired urban dwellers of all ages to present an alternative, environmental view of their cities.

The Greenways Program at MORPC oversees multi-jurisdictional, environmental planning and action efforts to improve water quality and to preserve and protect stream corridors in central Ohio.

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